

EXHIBIT 5: Letters of Support



February 26, 2004

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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chair
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**RE: Letter of Support for City of Berkeley Grant Submittal:
Bay Trail Extension: Berkeley Marina and Waterfront Access Improvements
Phase I Construction**

Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing in support of the City of Berkeley's grant application to fund construction of the first phase of the San Francisco Bay Trail Extension to the Berkeley Marina. The Bay Trail Extension is an ADA-compliant multi-use trail that will provide safe and convenient access for cyclists, pedestrians, wheelchair users, strollers, skaters and others to the recreational and educational facilities at the Berkeley Marina and Eastshore State Park.

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project is an organization administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) that coordinates implementation of the San Francisco Bay Trail. When complete, the Bay Trail will be a continuous 450-mile network of bicycling and hiking paths that will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo bays in their entirety.

Planning and designing the Bay Trail Extension to the Berkeley Marina was made possible by grants from the Coastal Conservancy and ABAG. The planning process was a cooperative effort between the City of Berkeley, the Coastal Conservancy, East Bay Regional Park District, California State Parks, the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, and most importantly, extensive input from Berkeley area residents.

As a spur trail in the San Francisco Bay Trail network, this project will immediately improve access to the waterfront from East Bay cities and, following the Bay Trail, to the entire San Francisco Bay region. The proposed trail would connect directly to the I-80 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge, thus completing an important link to the Bay for the residential, commercial, retail and educational areas that lie east of I-80.

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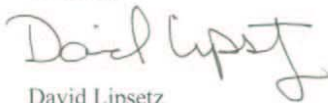
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The plans, design and environmental review for the Bay Trail Extension to the Berkeley Marina are complete. Local, regional and State agencies approve of the project. The public has voiced strong support. I urge you to support this important regional project by allocating funding for construction of the Bay Trail Extension.

Sincerely,



David Lipsetz
Bay Trail Planner

Cc: Tim Corrigan
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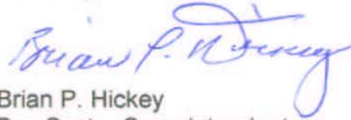
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Brian P. Hickey
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